

AGRICULTURAL.

Evolution of the Plow.

The plow (or plough, as our English cousins prefer it), is said to have an equivalent in every known language of the world. It is mentioned in the Bible more than seven centuries before the Christian era. It is alluded to in some of the Chinese sacred books, the antiquity of which is supposed to be even greater than some of the books of Moses. And in every instance, whether in Hebrew or Pagan annals, it is accepted as the emblem of honorable industry, and has been generally regarded as the test of civilization.

When came this ancient agricultural implement? The history of its origin is unknown. It cannot be traced to any one country, or to any one people. Like the primitive handloom, it was in common use by people inhabiting opposite sides of the earth, long before those people were aware of each other's existence. It was found in use among the Incas and the Aztecs, when Peru and Mexico first became known to Pizarro and Cortez. It was in common use among the ancient Britons at the time of the Roman conquest; and, singularly enough, it had many points in common with the Egyptian plow of the time of the Pharaohs.

And yet, the plow is less ancient than the hoe. In fact, it seems to have been an evolution from the hoe, just as the hoe itself was an evolution from the pointed stick. And this took place long before the age of iron, as is manifest from the ancient Egyptian plow, which was wholly of wood. It was a more or less pointed stick, forced into the ground as it was drawn by means of a horizontal beam, instead of by percussion. The earliest form of the Greek plow was very much the same. It may be seen to-day in some of the more remote Andean districts of South America, where the Indian agriculturists obstinately adhere to primitive methods. Las Casas tells us it was in use there, in this form, at the time of the Spanish Conquest, about the beginning of the sixteenth century. And yet, the aborigines of the Andes were quite unconscious of the existence of the old world. In the remote interior of China, I have seen the almost identical Mycenaean plow. It is at all probable that it had a Greek origin in China or a Chinese origin in Greece? I think not.

This counterpoise use of the plow in pre-historic ages, among peoples of diverse civilizations, widely separate, and wholly unconscious of each other's existence, can be accounted for, it seems to me, upon but one hypothesis. In the essentials of his nature, man is the same wherever you find him. All have like emotions. All have wants and aspirations in common; all worship something; a sense of responsibility, a sense of law, vague, to some superior Being, is common alike to the savage and the saint. In fact civilization itself is but an evolution from savagism. If, therefore, while devising means to satisfy his wants, or to better his condition, or to gratify his ambition, the pre-historic man of central Asia, and the pre-historic man of Britain or of South America, should chance to hit upon identical expedients, and employ identical forms of art, and thus produce a hoe, a plow or a handloom nearly identical, why should we marvel thereat? The marvel, it seems to me, would be very much greater had he failed to do so.

I have intimated that the plow is the basis of civilization. It is more than that. It is the criterion of a country's material prosperity. It is still more than that. It is the sure index to the character of its owner. Show me the farmer, and I know, and I will undertake to tell you the kind of farmer he is. If it be an indifferent "gofer" or shapeless "shovel," incapable of penetrating the earth below the vegetable mold, and clumsily attached to a rickety old frame or "stock," its owner is never a competitor for the "first bale" of cotton. He plows a hungry mule, and never reads an agricultural paper. His fence corners are full of briars, and he is content with chaffy "nubbins" instead of the full ear of corn. He is generally behind hand with his "craps" and the "rainy season" is either too soon or too late to suit his convenience. He has never realized the dignity of his chosen avocation, and needs to be educated up to it.

Atlanta, Ga. Wm. L. Scruggs.

Preparing the Young Orchard for Winter.

Before the ground freezes the young orchard should be carefully looked after and prepared for winter. A little neglect in the autumn sometimes will ruin an orchard of young trees, especially if it be an apple or peach orchard. If the work of clearing the land is not done, it should have been in September, it is important that it should be done at once, or it may be too late to do it at all this season. To neglect this work may prove the destruction of many trees; for a single borer in a small tree will nearly destroy it in a single season; but the chances are that if you worms get into a tree there will be two or three, which is enough to destroy a small tree before spring. Already the worms that hatched out last summer have done much mischief, and therefore cannot be removed a day too soon. With a sharp pointed knife they can yet be easily removed, although those that hatched out in the early part of the summer will be found to have eaten entirely through the bark, and to be partially imbedded themselves in the wood some three or four inches beneath the surface of the ground.

When all of the borers are removed, a small mound of fresh earth should be made around the trees; this will protect the tree from the field mice, and also keep the tree free from during high winds. Some heap manure around their trees, but this is wrong, and sometimes proves very injurious to the tree, especially if the manure be strong enough to beat. Only fresh earth should ever be piled around a tree; if manure is to be applied it should be spread outside of the mound of earth. Manure spread two or three inches deep as far as the roots of the tree extends, will lessen the soil and prepare it for plant food, thus causing the tree to grow rapidly the next season.

The peach orchard may be done in before winter, and thus save doing it in the spring when time is of more value. That the peach tree does better to cut back the twigs is a fact pretty well established; but it is not so well established at this season of the year it is best to do it. Some prefer the autumn, others the winter or spring, and still others the month of July. From observation we find that those who trim in the winter and spring are the most successful in growing peaches.

The apple and pear orchard, that has been recently set, will not require much trimming if it has been properly looked after during the growing season. Care should be taken to keep the lateral limbs near the ground out back, so as to leave

only enough to furnish leaves to shade the trunk of the tree. Any small limbs in the top that cross important limbs, should be cut off; a little attention to this when the tree is small will save cutting off large limbs when the tree gets large. —Massachusetts Ploughman.

Drink for Farm Animals.

Providing a proper drink for farm animals is always a difficult problem. It is probable that one-third of the disease among our farm animals is due to impure drink, and the loss of profit from the same cause, while it can only be guessed at, doubtless exceeds the loss from disease. Any water unfit for man is unfit for farm animals; yet, the latter are often compelled to drink water that man would drink only when compelled to do so by dire necessity. Pools and ponds rarely furnish fit drink. Being filled by surface water, they hold much impurity, brought from the adjacent land, and, like all such still bodies of water, they become stagnant and yet more foul. Creeks supplied by surface water are little better. During the hot, dry season they recede into pools as stagnant and foul as the ponds. Though the creek be fed by springs it is not safe, for it may be contaminated along its course. This contamination may be in part the contagion of a destructive disease, as the plague for example. We do furnish the most wholesome water. But to be safe, they must be well fed by underground streams, not by water that percolates through a few feet of soil, and the surface water must be excluded from them. If the porous soil is removed for a few feet around the mouth of the well and replaced with clay, well compacted, and the clay is carried up above the surrounding surface, the surface water will be excluded. To raise water from a well by hand power is laborious, but it is better to do this than to have all the animals lose weight and some die of disease. —Cultivator, Atlanta, Ga.

Sowing Oats.

I expect to commence breaking land for oats about the middle of September, having planted a crop as I propose doing, would like to have your advice.

1. Can light oats be cut with a reaper—say they make fifteen bushels per acre?

2. Having rented to plant six mule farms for cotton, I wish to plant my individual crop; one hundred and fifty acres in corn, oats and peas, fifty acres each, shall I follow peas with corn or with oats? It is generally thought that corn does not do so well on oat stubble. —W. A. G.

1. Yes, better than with a cradle. 2. It would be wiser to follow peas with oats for the reason that the soil would be better protected against washing if put in oats after peas. You might follow the oats with peas the same season, and corn the next year with peas sown in the corn. Suppose you try the following plan: First year, peas; second year, oats (sown in fall); third year, corn and peas followed by rye sown in September for winter pasture, then peas again. It seasons suit, follow the oats in second year with a crop of peas to be sown immediately after harvesting the oats. —Southern Cultivator.

The wise and the active conquer difficulties by daring to attempt them; sloth and folly shiver and shrink at night of toil and hazard, and make the impossibility they fear.

FERTILIZERS

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Dividend Notice. NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY, Secretary and Treasurer's Office, Burlington, N. C., Aug. 4th, 1887.

The second payment of 3 per cent on Dividend on N. C. R. R. will be due on September 1st to Stockholders of record at 12 o'clock, M., on August 10th. The transfer books will be closed at 12 o'clock, M., August 10th, until September 1st, 1887.

P. B. RUFFIN, Secretary. Aug. 12, 1887. 4w

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No. 1 Daily except Sundays. Leave Wilmington at 7:25 a.m. Leave Maxton at 11:30 a.m. Leave Hamlet at 12:50 p.m. Leave Wadesboro at 2:15 p.m. Leave Charlotte at 4:32 p.m. Leave Lincolnton at 6:17 p.m. Leave Shelby at 7:40 p.m. Arrive at Rutherfordton at 9:10 p.m.

No. 2 Daily except Sunday. Leave Rutherfordton at 8:45 a.m. Leave Shelby at 10:10 a.m. Leave Lincolnton at 11:30 a.m. Leave Wadesboro at 12:50 p.m. Leave Charlotte at 2:15 p.m. Leave Hamlet at 3:38 p.m. Leave Maxton at 5:00 p.m. Arrive at Wilmington at 9:05 p.m.

No. 3 Daily except Sunday. Leave Wilmington at 8:00 p.m. Leave Hamlet at 2:35 a.m. Arrive at Charlotte at 6:55 a.m.

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